

# Turkey Bowl Newsletter

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Committee

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Silvers on offense in the second half



"Jamm'n" Jake Grover awaits the snap



"Edgerrin" James Bundy looking for a receiver



## Young Bucks Roll to 22-0 Victory

Nicolls Field, New Castle, PA. Thanksgiving Day was the coldest in memory. The wind chill factor was zero degrees. The temperature had warmed some by game time but there was still plenty of snow on the field. Temperatures were down and so were the number of players who chose to brave the bitter elements to play in the greatest football rivalry of all time. The starting players for Turkey Bowl XXIII were **"Jamm'n" Jake Grover, Jeffrey "Bulldog" Grover, Cody "Bear" Grover, Brad "BDog" Lawrence, "Edgerrin" James Bundy, Jonathan "Speedy" Bundy, "Defender" Joel Bundy and "Ski'n" Ian Nicolls** on the Young Bucks side of the ball. **"Wild" Bill Nicolls, "Game Breaker" Bruce Nicolls, "Too Small" Dale Nicolls, Greg "Bubby" Bundy, "Cap'n Crunch" Kevin Blucker, Ben "Big" Mack "Attack" and**

**Hillary "Killer" Nicolls** started for the Silver Bucks.

The snowy conditions had an immediate impact on the game when on the first play from scrimmage the Silver QB tried to drop back to pass and was sacked by the slippery snow. After both offenses had to punt on fifth down the Silvers were backed up near their own goal line with the ball. **"Edgerrin" James Bundy** came on a corner blitz and sacked the Silver signal caller in the end zone for a safety. The score was 2-0 and the Silvers had to kick the ball back to the eager Young Bucks. The Youngs sensed that they had their foes off guard so on first down **"Jamm'n" Jake Grover** threw a fly pattern to **"Ski'n" Ian Nicolls** who caught the ball near the Silver five yard line. The Silver Bullet defense stiffened, but on fifth down **"Jamm'n" Jake Grover** threw to

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### Thank You...

- Bev and Don Nicolls for all the work you do to provide us with such great memories.
- Everyone who contributed articles.
- Marty Bundy for the Turkey Bowl XXIII photos.
- Jim Ridge for doing the game video.



Turkey Bowl XXIII  
Players, Coaches  
and Referee

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**“Ski’n” Ian** again. The ball deflected off **“Ski’n” Ian** and landed in the hands of **“Edgerrin” James Bundy** for six more points. Jake to James paid off again on the extra point and the score was now **10-0** in favor of the Youngs. After another Silver punt, the Youngs turned the ball over to the Silvers on downs. It was the last series before half time and the pressure was on to regain some momentum. On the first play of the series **“Jonathan” Speedy Bundy**, playing center field, picked off the pass and returned it down the sideline for a

TD. After the failed extra point the half time score was 16-0.

In the second half the Silver Bucks were going uphill figuratively and literally. The only hope was that in the previous two snow bowls the Silver Bucks had trailed at half time only to come back and win. The Silvers held on defense, but on their first pass of the second half **“Jamm’n” Jake Grover** recorded the Youngs’ second pick. The defenses dominated for the next two series featuring a sack by **“Game Breaker” Bruce Nicolls**. After a good punt return, the Young

Bucks’ QB **“Jamm’n” Jake Grover** threw to a streaking **“Edgerrin” James Bundy** along the pine trees for the final score of the game. The extra point was no good, so the score was 22-0. **“Jonathan” Speedy Bundy** dashed any hopes the Silvers had when he picked up the third INT of the game for the Youngs. The final score was 22-0.

**“Jonathan” Speedy Bundy** was awarded the MVP for his interception that he returned for a touchdown. **Hillary “Killer” Nicolls** won the MVP on the Silver Buck side. **DEN**

*The Immaculate Reception—“The ball deflected off “Ski’n” Ian and landed in the hands of “Edgerrin” James Bundy for six more points”*

## Double Trouble for that Team up North



Tyler and Logan Mack  
looking good in Scarlet  
and Gray

**Toledo, OH** – There’s going to be double trouble for the Michigan Wolverines at some point down the road as the dynamic duo of Tyler and Logan Mack start their conditioning program. They are impressively bulking up at the dinner table and have been developing great grips and sticky

fingers to control the ball. Their throwing ability has been amazing to the point that Jim Tressel paid a surprise visit to scout them personally. Tressel said: “Normally, I wouldn’t come around until they’ve shown their abilities as high school players. However I know that they come from a

great gene pool and have all the tools to become Heisman-type players someday.” This visit came as a bit of a shock for their father “Big Ben Mac-Attack” who has been a lifelong Notre Dame fan. He had no comment at this time.

By Bill Nicolls

## Turkey Bowl Mascot Named

The 2006 National Championship Turkey Bowl sponsors are pleased to announce the naming of **NICK, The Wild Turkey**, as the new mascot of this widely acclaimed event. Played annually in New Castle, the traditional game has become a showcase for both Silver Bucks and Young Bucks, and is the key competition for the **Nicolls Championship Series (NCS)**.

**NICK** was acquired by former Turkey Bowl MVP **Paul Yoder** and currently occupies a prominent place in the Yoder residence in Charlotte, North Carolina. A wild turkey from the fields of South Carolina, **NICK** is pictured to the right.

With a wingspan measuring over 6' and weighing 19 pounds, **NICK** represents the finest in turkey lineage. As a mark of his gender, he has a 9" beard



and 1" spurs.

Allison and PJ Yoder showing off Nick

By John Lewis

## NFL Turkey Bowl News

The NFL Turkey Bowl Executive Committee teleconferenced late last month to discuss the upcoming game. A suggestion was made to change the rules to flag football due to the bad eyesight and obvious Silver Bucks

preference of the referee. The Commissioner recalled an earlier attempt at using flags ending with some players tying the flags to their belts, cutting the belts short and other nefarious attempts to avoid being stopped. It

was decided that a discussion on this rule change at the annual pre-game B-I-N-G-O extravaganza would be appropriate.

*As Allison and PJ Yoder were quoted when first seeing NICK, "That's really some bird!"*

By Hank Grover

## Down on the Farm

News from the Hills of West Virginia: Ellen and Gene Nicolls have reacquired land in Red Sulphur Springs, WV after a hiatus of about 10 years. Many a Nicolls family member have visited Kibble Hill over the years and had many wonderful memories of the place. It

was a favorite vacation getaway for Grandma Nic, as well. We see the prosperous couple outside their stately mansion in this photo. Their plantation encompasses four acres. They have hung out the welcome mat and they say: "Y'all come down 'n see us sometime.

Ya hear?" They look forward to your visit and will set out the folding chair and sleeping bag for you.



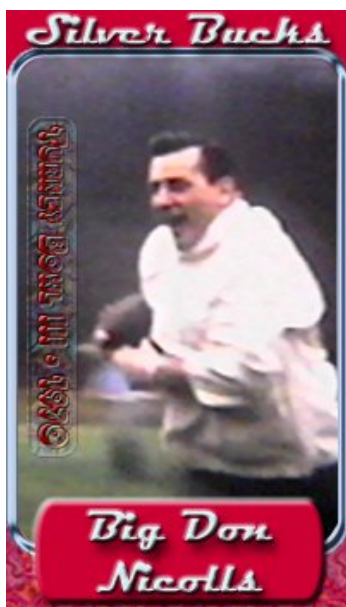
By Bill Nicolls

Ellen and Gene Nicolls back on the farm in WV



Tom Turkey says, "Eat more Beef."

*"He jumped into the Model T, drove down to the North Market in Columbus, bought a live turkey..."*



Turkey Bowl III, 1970 Collectors Card of Big Don Nicolls

## A Memorable Thanksgiving

By Bev Nicolls

Back in the year of 1937, my 34-year-old mother had a heart attack which put her in the hospital and then home for a long recuperation period in bed. This took place during the holiday season when a mother's cooking and baking skills are most looked forward to.

My dad, whose vocabulary never included the word "can't" rose to the occasion of Thanksgiving. He jumped into the Model T, drove down to the North Market in Columbus, bought a live turkey and brought it home to decapitate in our backyard. He plucked it,

cleaned it, stuffed it, and roasted it. He made gravy, mashed potatoes and even a pumpkin pie for dessert. His cooking prowess may not have been up to the standard of my mother, but he was aces in my eyes and deserved an A+++ for effort.

## Give Me Beef, Too, Don

By Ruth Lewis

When we were young growing up at 26 Delaware Ave., **Grandpa** (Dad) would take his four boys (**Bob, Dave, Gene and Don**) down to his grocery store in Struthers to put those turkeys to sleep, to be cooked, sold to, and put on customers' tables and ours for Thanksgiving and Christmas. That was the only two times of the year Dad sold any poultry.

The story goes that **Don** hid behind the store (he couldn't bear to see the inhumane way those turkeys met their fate). **Don** would not partake of those birds, so **Grandma** (Mom) would cook him a steak! Obviously, "Mom liked **Don** best!"

**Don** says in much later years that he's had his share of chicken (creamed chicken, croquettes, etc.) at all the luncheon and

dinner meetings he's had to attend with his law, library, church, etc. involvements.

When I heard the savage way they prepared poultry in those days, I've been pretty turned off, too. So what do I do but marry someone who could eat poultry every day of his life, and loved the NAVY because they had "chicken every Sunday!" UGH!

## Past Recollections Refreshed

By Big Don Nicolls

Friday, November 27, 1970. After being in Poland for the evening, **Bobby, Rickey, Gary, Bruce, Dale** and I returned to New Castle and we "men" slept on the floor at our new house. The next day **Tom Robinson, Bob, Judy, Pat-tye** and I lost 7 touchdowns to 9 touchdowns to **Bruce, Dale, Bill,**

**Bobby, Rickey** and **Gary** in one of the great defensive battles of the Turkey Bowl Series.

I just had some Super 8 movie film put on a DVD – six 200 foot reels on one DVD – amazing. It began with us following **Bob** and **Mickey's** brown pop-up trailer – which we followed for thousands of

miles over the years.

The log over the stream in Cascade Canyon where **Bob** said "I'll give a 50¢ piece to the first one of you kids to hike to Lake Solitude." Guess who won the 50¢? That was the start of **Bob's** running and financial careers.

Ah, Memories!!!